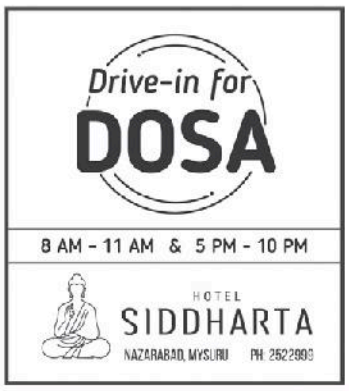

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Bid to register 24 sites illegally at Kergalli

Mysuru West Sub-Registrar SUSPENDED

Officer bypassed mandatory e-Swathu process, misused Court decree route

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (BCT)- The State Government has suspended Mysuru West Sub-Registrar N. Srikanth for allegedly violating Government circulars and departmental directives, and misusing a sub-article of a Court decree in an attempt to register documents for 24 residential sites at Kergalli. The suspension order was issued by the Inspector General of Registration, who is the Competent Disciplinary Authority.

A departmental inquiry has been initiated. Officials noted that allowing Srikanth to continue in his post could lead to destruction or manipulation of evidence. His lien (a public servant's legal right to hold a post) has been transferred to central office until further orders. The order also states that Srikanth cannot leave his place of central posting without prior departmental approval during suspension period.

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Former BJP MLC Siddaraju lodging a complaint with Mysuru West Sub-Registrar N. Srikanth about his 24 sites in December 2025.

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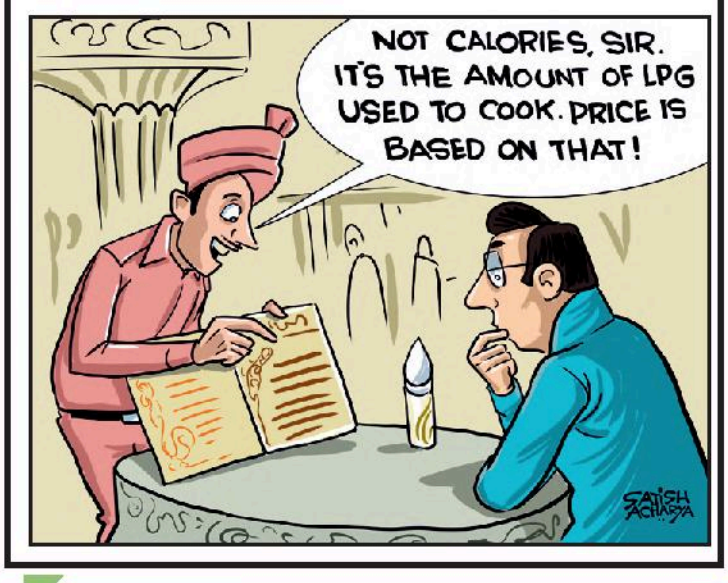
STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Say it before it's too late: *We've all been there. We've all had a moment with a friend, spouse, parent, child or colleague we once felt close to, when we said something we shouldn't have said or did something we knew, even as we were doing it, was wrong. Maybe we weren't paying attention and someone who deserved our best received our worst instead.*

And then we chose not to revisit it. We told ourselves it would resolve on its own. That time would heal the wounds. That bringing it up again would only cause awkwardness. So, we moved forward. We kept going to the dinner table, making the phone call and attending the birthday gathering, acting as if everything was fine.

But something has changed quietly, without anyone saying anything. The friend who always told you first about everything now only tells you second-hand. The child who always told you everything now says, "I'm fine," and you let it go. The spouse who always argued with you because she believed it was worth fighting for no longer does, not because things have gotten better, but because something inside her has given up. The sibling you text during festivals but no longer really talk to, there is something out there between you. You never say it.

This is how loving relationships become empty, not from hate or betrayal, but from a moment within us that we fail to acknowledge. The hardest part to see is that we are also part of it.

The guilt does not disappear just because we stop facing it. It causes us to keep conversations superficial, feel awkward around that person and show warmth instead of genuinely feeling it. Because going deeper might unexpectedly lead us to places we are not ready to explore.

All that distance, those careful conversations and that love which survives but does not quite breathe often trace back to one moment — a missed apology. It is never too late. Say it with hesitation. Stumble over the words, too. It doesn't matter. What matters is that the other person finally hears that you saw your mistake and realises they were worth coming back for.

Because one day, there will be no coming back. One of you will no longer be here and the person left behind will think about that unspoken thing for the rest of their life. Do not let that be your story.

Whoever just came to your mind, reach out today. Say it. Mean what you say. And watch what quietly comes back to life.—*Anitha Ramachander in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man starts forest fire for his amusement

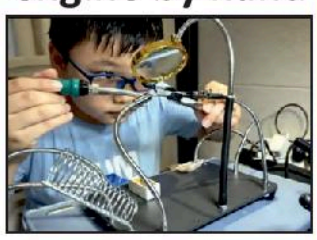
Bangkok: A 22-year-old man in Thailand has confessed to deliberately starting a forest fire in his local area because he was bored and looking for some entertainment.

Rangers patrolling the Kaeng Hat Oi Forest, in Thailand's Phitsanulok province, apprehended a suspicious young man, following repeated reports of fires in the area. The suspect was carrying a lighter and couldn't offer a valid reason for his presence there, so he was taken in for questioning.

At the Police Station, the 22-year-old man, identified only as Matina, eventually admitted to setting fires in Kaeng Hat Oi Forest, but offered a very bizarre reason for it.

"I just wanted to have fun. I had nothing to do, so I started a fire to get forest rangers to put it out. I just acted out of recklessness," the man casually said.

Whiz kid building aircraft engine by hand



Beijing: While most kids are busy playing video games, a 14-year-old boy is spending most of his time building on a functional jet engine.

Che Jingang was only in kindergarten when he became fascinated with paper planes. He noticed the difference between throwing a paper ball and launching a paper plane by hand and was curious what made the plane float the way it did. Before long, he turned his house into an experimental laboratory for paper planes, but that was only the beginning.

The whiz kid started designing every component from a scratch, made his own 2D engineering drawings in CAD, built 3D models in SolidWorks, calculated airflow, temperature and pressure using simulation software, documented every process and started interacting with like-minded people. Che Jingang is now working on a improved version of a functional turbojet engine and is getting ready to test it.

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Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0 in 4 districts on Apr. 27

Mysuru, Apr. 24- The District Outreach Programme under Nidhi Aapke Nikat 2.0 will be conducted by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Regional Office, Mysuru, on Apr. 27 from 9 am onwards in all four districts under the jurisdiction of EPFO, Mysuru — Mysuru, Mandya, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar.

In Mysuru at Wilftronics Private Limited, Hootagalli Industrial Area; In Mandya at Page Industries Pvt. Ltd., Favorich Mega Food Park, Bannenahalli village, Bookanakere Hobli, Krishnarajpet; In Chamarajanagar at Manasa Educational Trust, Kollegal and in Madikeri (Kodagu) at Ayatana Hospitalities Pvt Ltd., Aratt Estate, Kumarahalli, Somwarpet.

Stakeholders like PF Members, Pensioners and Employers may attend the programme for awareness, queries and information.

For more details, contact PRO on Ph: 0821-2599200/ 222 or e-mail to: *ro.mysore@epfindia.gov.in* or visit Social Media Platform *(@epfomysore)* of PF Regional Office, Mysuru.

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- *Sarojini Naidu, who was also called the nightingale of India, was born on 13 February 1879. She was a great poet and a freedom fighter and also she was the President of the Indian National Congress (INC) in 1925. She is also an active participant in Quit India Movement.*
- *Mangal Pandey: He was one of the Indian soldiers who contributed significantly to the commencement of the 1857 Indian revolt. He served in the British East India Company's 34th Bengal Native Infantry Regiment as a sepoy. He is recognised as the hero of the 1857 Indian Mutiny. He was born in Nagwa, a hamlet in Uttar Pradesh's upper Ballia district.*

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VOICE OF THE READER

Journey by Kaveri Express to Chennai: A Nightmare

Sir,

I and my wife, senior citizens, are regular commuters to Chennai by Train No.16021/16022, Kaveri Express. Most passengers on this train travel to Chennai for work during the day and return the same night.

The train continues to run with ageing coaches, with worn-out windows, dirty wash basins and unhygienic, stinking toilets, often with inadequate water supply and leaking taps. It has nearly 9 to 10 stoppages and every halt and restart results in a strong jerk with a screeching sound, leading to sleeplessness, especially for passengers in non-AC sleeper coaches.

The authorities should prioritise making night travel more comfortable rather than treating it merely as a mode of transport. While the Railways have embraced technological advancements and introduced modern trains like Vande Bharat Express for improved comfort, these remain unaffordable for most common commuters.

Recently, South Western Railway upgraded the coach composition of Train No.16025/16026 Talaguppa-Mysuru Daily Express by replacing existing coaches with modern Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches. This move is highly appreciated.

I request the authorities concerned to view the plight of Kaveri Express commuters with empathy and similarly replace the existing coaches with upgraded ones to ensure a smoother, safer and more comfortable journey. I hope this request will be considered favourably and the upgradation implemented soon."

—N. Narayan Prasad,
Former Sr. Scientist,
DRDO, DFRL
Kesare 3rd Stage 19.4.2026

Free Career Guidance for SSLC, PUC students

Mysuru, Apr. 24- Karnataka State Government Muslim Employees Welfare Association (KSGMEWA), Mysuru District Unit, has organised a free Career Guidance and Counselling Programme for SSLC and PUC students on Saturday (Apr.25) from 9 am to 1.30 pm at RK Palace, P&T Quarters Road, Udayagiri, in city.

MLA Tanveer Sait will preside. The event will be inaugurated by Dr. A.R. Maqsood Ahmed, Head, Department of Neurosurgery, Manipal Hospital, Mysuru and Director of Al Ansaar Hospital, Mysuru.

S. Revanna, BEO Mysuru North, Prof. Nabijan, President, NREDMC, Mysuru and Dr. Nayaz Pasha, RMO, K.R. Hospital, will be the chief guests.

Dr. Mohammed Zeeshan, Career Coach and Counsellor, will address the students, according to Syed Mudassir, President, KSGMEWA, Mysuru Unit.

Talk on 'Ecologically Sensitive Regions in Western Ghats'

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (KS)- The Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysore Local Centre, in association with tAct, Indian Academy of Sciences, Bengaluru and Jiv, Mysuru, as part of World Earth Day, has organised a technical talk on 'Ecologically Sensitive Regions in the Western Ghats: Conservation for Intergenerational,' on Apr. 25 at 5.30 pm in S.P. Bhat Hall of Institution of Engineers on JLB Road in city.

Co-ordinator of Energy and Wetlands Research Group, Centre for Ecological Sciences at Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru, Dr. T.V. Ramachandra will be the guest speaker.

Chairman of IEI Er. H.S. Suresh Babu will preside. Programme Convenor Er. S. Shivaprasad, Hon. Secretary Er. M.K. Nanjaiah and others will be present.

Yoga Diploma:

Deadline extended

Mysuru, Apr. 24- The deadline for joining online classes of Yoga Diploma and PG Diploma of Sri Patanjali Yoga Study and Research Centre, Mysuru, recognised by Karnataka Sanskrit University, has been extended till Apr. 27. Candidates who have completed PUC and any degree can apply free of cost. For details contact Mob: 94498-51660.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Shankara Jayanti celebration

City's Sandhya Suraksha Trust, in association with Karnataka Brahmin Senior Citizens Forum and Shakambari Dharmika Kendra, will celebrate its 16th year Shankara Jayanti along with Acharya Trio jayanti (Shankaracharya, Madhwacharya & Ramanujacharya) and Ramapattabhisheka, at Shakambari Dharmika Kendra, Devayyanahundi, (Hunase Mara Bus Stop), off H.D. Kote Road, Mysuru, at 11 am tomorrow (Apr. 25). For details, contact Mob: 80887-99540.

No meat sale

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Health Officer has issued a ban order on sale of meat on May 1 (Friday) on account of Buddha Poornima. Hence, all meat shops and slaughter houses have been ordered to down the shutters on the said date, according to a press release.

Bags Gold Medal in PG Yoga Diploma

Dr. P.S. Sudha

Dr. P.S. Sudha, a student of Sri Patanjali Yoga Study and Research Centre, Mysuru, which is affiliated to Karnataka Sanskrit University, has won a gold medal in the Yoga PG examination at the convocation of Sanskrit University held in Bengaluru recently.

Vehicle damaged after ramming into electric pole

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (KS)- A Toyota Innova Multi-Utility Vehicle (MUV) sustained extensive damages after the driver lost control of the vehicle and rammed it into an electric pole on Mysuru-Gaddige Main Road yesterday early morning.

At about 6 am, when the vehicle was proceeding from Gaddige side towards Mysuru, the person behind the wheels of the Toyota Innova, lost control of it and rammed the vehicle into a road side electric pole near SBM Layout in Bogadi and hit a compound wall next to the electric pole.

This resulted in extensive damages to the vehicle and the electric pole. Luckily, no injuries or loss of human lives took place. No case has been registered.

CAR Constable booked for cheating bizman of lakhs of rupees

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (GA&KS)- Devaraja Police have registered a case against a City Armed Reserve (CAR) Police Constable for allegedly cheating a businessman to the tune of lakhs of rupees.

The Constable on the pretext of releasing his pledged gold, had taken Rs. 3,60,000 from the businessman with a promise of returning the money after selling the gold for higher price but failed to return the same.

While the accused Constable is B.V. Mahadevu, the businessman who was reportedly cheated is R.S. Rajesh, a resident of Narayana Shastry Road in city.

Rajesh knew Constable Mahadeva since about eight years and on Apr. 13 at about 3 pm, Mahadeva, who met Rajesh at the latter's office told him that he had pledged his 29.90 grams gold ornaments at a private gold loan company and he (Mahadeva) required Rs. 3.60 lakh to release the pledged gold.

Mahadeva also told Rajesh that as he needed more money, he would sell the gold for more than the pledged amount, give him the money he had taken and keep the rest.

Believing Mahadeva, Rajesh tried to deposit the money to Mahadevu's account through the SBI cash deposit machine at Hootagalli at about 4 pm, but as there was an issue with the main server, he could not deposit the cash. Later, when a man came to the same ATM kiosk to withdraw money, Rajesh requested him that he would give the cash and asked him to transfer the money through PhonePe. The man agreed and transferred Rs. 40,000 and Rs. 70,000 from two bank accounts.

Later, Rajesh went to the SBI ATM kiosk at Vijayanagar 4th Stage at about 4.45 pm and deposited Rs. 1,86,500 to Mahadevu's account. He could not deposit the remaining amount as issues with the server again cropped up. Rajesh then gave Rs. 3,500 cash to Mahadevu and told him to collect the remaining money in his Office. At about 5.43 pm, Rajesh gave Rs. 60,000 cash to Mahadevu, which other people witnessed it.

Meanwhile, the time limit at the private gold loan company had expired and Mahadevu gave Rajesh the original receipt of the loan he had taken and asked Rajesh to come to the private gold loan company on Apr. 14 at 11 am.

On the said date and time, Rajesh went to the gold loan company and waited for Mahadevu for a long time. As Mahadevu did not come, Rajesh called him over the phone, but both the numbers of Mahadevu were switched off.

Assuming that Mahadevu would come to his office and return the money, Rajesh came to his office and waited for Mahadevu but in vain. He then went near Mahadevu's house and enquired about him during which he came to know that Mahadevu had cheated many people in the same manner and Mahadevu's family members told Rajesh that he (Mahadevu) had not come home for 15 days.

Rajesh then approached Devaraja Police and lodged a complaint.

Based on the complaint, Devaraja Police who have registered a case are investigating.

Burglar held while selling stolen jewellery

Rs. 3 lakh worth jewels recovered

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (GA&KS)- The City Crime Branch (CCB) Police have arrested a burglar who was trying to sell the stolen gold jewellery and have recovered the stolen jewels worth about Rs. 3 lakh from him.

The accused has been identified as Prasad alias Prasadi, an accomplice of habitual offender Mohammed Munna.

The CCB staff — S. Raghavendra and Prakash Rathod — were investigating property theft, vehicle theft and house burglary cases and were patrolling in Narasimharaja (NR) Police limits, when they observed Prasad walking from Five Lights Circle towards a jewellery store on Ashoka Road.

The Cops who followed him, took him into custody and interrogated him during which accused Prasad is said to have confessed of committing a house burglary and had come to sell the stolen jewellery.

On grilling him further, the Police came to know that in October 2025, Prasad and Munna had burgled a house on Chunchanakatte Road in Hebbal village, K.R. Nagar taluk and had decamped with gold jewellery.

After dividing the stolen jewellery, he (Prasad) had sold a few gold items and was walking towards a jewellery store on Ashoka Road to sell the remaining gold jewellery he had got, he told the Police and added that Munna had taken his part of the stolen gold jewellery.

Based on the information from Prasad, the Police recovered Rs. 3 lakh worth gold jewellery from him. A case has been registered at Lashkar Police Station.

Cobra rescued from house in Hebbal

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (VVH&KS)- City's snake rescuer Snake Shyam has rescued a Cobra snake which had taken shelter inside a hanging showpiece at a house in city. The snake was rescued from the house of Kullegowda at Hebbal here.

The Cobra, after taking shelter inside the showpiece had spread its hood and the family members who saw the snake panicked and called Shyam over the phone.

Shyam, who arrived at the house rescued the Cobra from

the hanging showpiece and later released the snake in its natural habitat.

Girl student ends life for not getting expected marks in SSLC exam

Trishala

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (KS)- A girl student, who did not get the marks she had expected in the SSLC exams ended her life by hanging self at her house yesterday.

The deceased girl student is Trishala, daughter of Manju alias Shivakumar and Savitha couple and a resident of Kurahatti village in Nanjangud taluk.

A student of a private school in Nanjangud, Trishala had scored 440 marks and had secured first class in the SSLC exams the result of which was announced yesterday.

But she is said to have become depressed and it is learnt that she had expressed that she had not got the expected marks despite performing well in the exams.

Depressed over not getting good marks she allegedly hanged self when the family members were away.

Nanjangud Rural Police, who reached the spot, conducted mahazar and shifted the body to the Government Hospital mortuary for post-mortem besides registering a case.

Obituary

Mallengada Rohini

Mysuru, Apr. 24- Mallengada M. Rohini (Rekha - Kalamada, Kutta), a resident of No. 278, Trinethra Circle, Nanda Gokula 7th Cross, behind Jayadeva Hospital Road in Gokulam 3rd Stage, passed away this morning in city. She was 56.

A native of Badagarakeri village in Ponnampet taluk of Kodagu district, she leaves behind her husband Mallengada Vinu Muthanna, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this afternoon, according to family sources.

Palecanda Bojamma Muthanna

Palecanda Bojamma (91), wife of late Palecanda P. Muthanna (former Advocate General of Karnataka and former President of Kodava Samaja, Bengaluru), passed away in Arizona, USA, on Apr. 22.

Originally from Madikeri town in Kodagu, Bojamma (Paruvangada) leaves behind her daughters Dechu Muthanna, Dr. Neeli Muthanna, son Poonacha Muthanna, grandsons and a host of relatives and friends.

Cremation took place at Paradise Memorial Gardens, East Shea Boulevard, Scottsdale, Arizona, USA today (Apr. 24).

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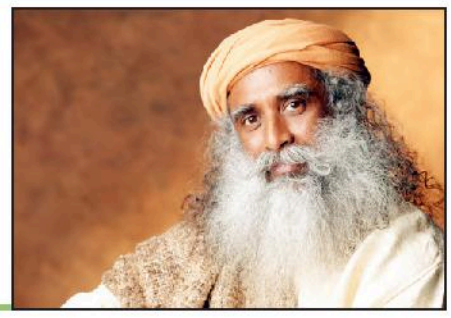


By Sadhguru - Founder, Isha Foundation

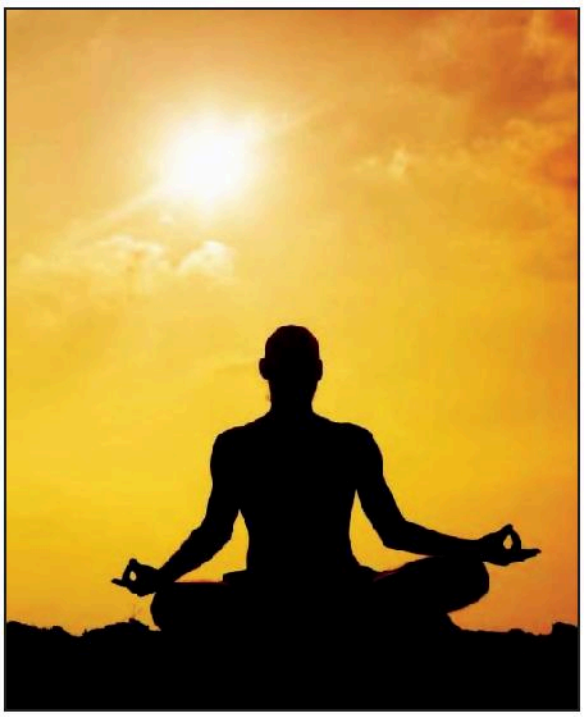
What is Duality?

Sadhguru: The French philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre said, "The other is hell." He said many stupid things all his life, but this was one devastating statement he made. Unless you are in yoga — yoga means everything has become one in you — unless you are like that, suffering is inevitable. Suffering is less or more, depending on your ability to manage life, but it is inevitable because "the other is hell."

Your problem has come because of your identification with your limited body. It does not take any great enlightenment. Anybody with a little sense can know, this body is something that you picked up from this planet. It is just a recycle.

Whatever you think is mine is just coming in and going out all the time. You cannot hold on to it. Not just at the final moment when you die, but every day, you cannot hold on to this body. If you knew this, not in a sense of intellectually knowing it, if you were aware of this, then naturally you would not be identified with it. Once you are not identified with your body, then the next thing that is left is your thought process. It is very easy to see that it is always on recycle.

If you can identify with these recycles, why can't you identify with the planet itself? Why can't you identify with the whole cosmos because everything is recycle? Life is on recycle all the time. This is not a stagnant piece of body — it is an ongoing process.



If it becomes experiential for you that this is all just a recycle — the life energy that you think is "me," the body that you think is "me," the mind that you think is "me" are all on a recycle process, so what will you identify with? Either you simply sit here without any identity, or you get identified with everything. These are the only options you have: either you become a zero or you become infinite; in between is a big lie.

Everything between zero and infinite is a big lie. That is the maya of duality. In zero, there is no duality. In the infinite, there is no duality. Zero is not made by you — zero was discovered. Infinite was not made up by you — infinite was discovered. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 — is made up by human beings, it is a lie. So duality is a big lie.

If you want to get out of this, you must understand the nature of it. You can get out any way you want. If you want to experiment, just don't eat for the next nine days. You will see, what is in your body is getting out. Slowly, you will shrink. But you don't have to break it. You don't have to destroy it.

Understanding it intellectually is not good enough; if you experientially come to know that this is just another vehicle that you have gotten into, then you have no issue to play the game in the middle, knowing fully well it is just a game. If you think that is the real thing, then it is a danger. Then you are lost.

[Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, a yogi, is a visionary, humanitarian and a prominent spiritual leader. An author, poet and internationally-renowned speaker, Sadhguru's wit and piercing logic provoke and widen our perception of life. www.ishafoundation.org]

Congress needs Muslims, not vice versa: Ulemas

Congress faces community backlash over action against Muslim leaders

Maulana Mufti Sayeed Ibrahim, Zakirullah Saheb and Maulana Hazrat Salaluddin addressing a joint press conference in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

Bengaluru, Apr. 24 (KMS&BCT) - A group of Islamic scholars (Ulemas or Ulamas) on Wednesday issued a sharp warning to the Congress, asserting that the party's political fortunes in Karnataka rest significantly on the support of the Muslim community.

The statement comes in the wake of disciplinary action taken against MLC Naseer Ahmed, Political Secretary to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and MLC Abdul Jabbar following the Davangere South bypoll.

Addressing a joint press conference, Maulana Mufti Sayeed Ibrahim, Zakirullah Saheb and Maulana Hazrat Salaluddin expressed strong displeasure over the developments. "Congress needs Muslims, but Muslims do not need Congress. Do not assume our livelihood depends on the party," they said.

The scholars claimed that Muslim leaders had worked actively for the Congress during the Davangere bypoll, but were later accused of anti-party activities. They termed the allegation against the senior leader and Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan as "unacceptable" and alleged that leaders from the community were being sidelined.

'Seeking a ticket is our right'

Referring to Naseer Ahmed, the Ulemas described him as a "dignified and prominent leader" and termed his removal without prior notice as unjust. "Seeking a ticket for the community is not a mistake; it is a right. Whether the party grants it or not is its prerogative," they said.

The scholars recalled the Muslim community's long-standing support for the Congress since the tenure of former Chief Minister D. Devaraj Urs. They also criticised the Siddaramaiah-led Government for not resolving the hijab issue and for failing to implement the promised 4 percent reservation for Muslims.

They further called for a review of laws related to cow slaughter and religious conversion, stating that "irresponsible statements and undisciplined behaviour" were eroding the community's trust in the party.

Responding to remarks that disciplinary action would continue against those working against the party, the Ulemas said such a stance reflected "stubbornness."

"If the leadership remains adamant, the community that helped the Congress come to power also knows how to defeat it," they warned.

Cautioning against attempts to divide the Muslim community, the scholars said they would be "forced to reconsider" their political stance if leaders failed to act responsibly.

The Ulemas also pointed out that despite Muslims constituting about 14 percent of the State's population, only two Ministers from the community had been appointed, compared to eight from the Lingayat community. "This imbalance will not be tolerated," they said, adding that the community would respond politically in the coming years.

Staging of Kannada play 'Party'

Mysuru, Apr. 24- Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru, in association with Rangavalli Troupe, Mysuru and Kannada and Culture Directorate, Bengaluru, is presenting the play "Party," written by renowned playwright Mahesh Elkunchwar (whose Kannada translation has been done by Prasad Kundur) on Apr. 25 and 26 at Kiru Rangamandira (Mini Theatre) in Kalamandira premises. The show will begin at 7 pm on both days.

The play Directed by Chidambara Rao Jambe has Lighting design by Jeevan Kumar B. Heggodu, Stage setup by Madhu NSD and Music by B.K. Kiran. Ticket is priced at Rs.100.

Mahesh Elkunchwar, the playwright of this work, is one of the leading voices in modern Indian theatre. His works deeply explore human relationships, existential questions and the moral complexities of the intellectual class.

The play "Party" unfolds in the setting of a social gathering, where conversations among writers, artistes and intellectuals reveal their egos, rivalries, failures, and inner conflicts.

What appears to be casual dialogue gradually exposes the emptiness within individuals, the collapse of social masks, and their alienation from society.

Prasad Kundur, who has translated this work into Kannada, has been actively involved in Kannada theatre for over four decades. He has contributed as an actor, director, playwright, singer and stage designer. His translation preserves the essence of the original while adapting it to suit the Kannada cultural context. Through Niranthara Foundation, he continues to engage younger audiences in meaningful theatrical dialogue.

Noted theatre personality Chidambara Rao Jambe, who has served as a faculty member at the National School of Drama (NSD) and as Director of Rangayana, Mysuru, has directed numerous plays across India in multiple languages, including Kannada and Hindi.

In "Party," he skilfully integrates dialogue, psychological depth of characters, and stage design to create a sensitive theatrical experience. Through this production, Niranthara Foundation aims to bring contemporary intellectual and cultural discussions to the stage.

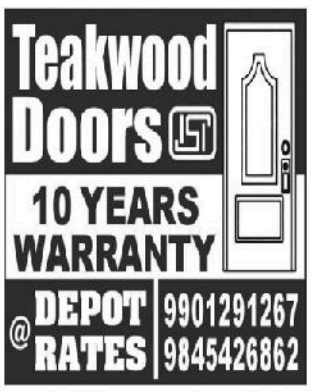
Talk by Dr. H.S. Shivanna on Apr. 26

Dr. Shivanna

Mysuru, Apr. 24- Mysore Open Forum has organised a talk on the topic 'What's Wrong With Us – The Human Race,' by academician Dr. H.S. Shivanna, on Apr. 26 at 10.30 am at Kalpa Kshetra auditorium, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, in city. Dr. Shivanna, who has directed English plays and is a founder of Mysore Literary Association, a coffee planter, businessman and past Rotary District Governor, has widely travelled, having spent an eventful and varied life. The talk is open to all.

Lions' Certificate of Appreciation

Lion Naveen Subramanyam, Past President, Additional District Cabinet Secretary and member of Lions Club of Mysuru Platinum, receiving Certificate of Appreciation from Justice E.S. Indiresh of Karnataka High Court, at the 3rd Annual District Convention-2026 held in Mandya recently. The certificate, signed by Lions International President Lion A.P. Singh, was presented to him in the presence of District Governor Lion K.L. Rajashekhara and First Lady Dr. M.N. Geetha.



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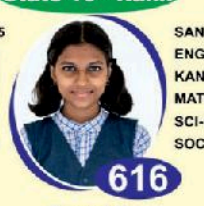

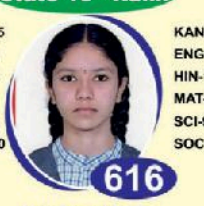

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500-metre Dr. Rajkumar Road stretch

Relief for commuters as road work resumes

Land-owners stall work seeking compensation; work re-starts after MDA's written assurance

Lashkar Police Inspector Lolakshi persuading the protesting land-owners. Picture right shows development works being carried out on Dr. Rajkumar Road in city.

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (MTY&VNS)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has resumed the long-pending development works on Dr. Rajkumar Road near Yeraganahalli, offering some relief to residents after months of delay.

Residents of Yeraganahalli, Raghavendranagar, Kalyangiri, Shakthinagar and Siddarthanagar had flagged the condition of a hazardous 500-metre stretch between Yeraganahalli Circle and Cauvery Circle, which remains un-asphalted and riddled with potholes.

Although the road had been partially developed earlier, work on this 500-metre stretch had remained pending. Efforts to re-start the project had repeatedly stalled, with land-owners objecting and demanding compensation.

Yesterday, MCC officials, assisted by the Police, began work on the stretch. However, family members of the land-owners reached the spot and briefly halted the work, insisting that compensation be paid before proceeding.

MDA's written assurance

The situation was resolved after the Mysuru Development Authority (MDA), formerly MUDA (Mysuru Urban Development Authority), gave a written assurance that compensation would be paid in accordance with the Court's order, following which the work resumed.

The stretch connects Mahadevapura Road and passes through key residential localities, serving thousands of commuters every day. Its poor condition has caused significant inconvenience to both motorists and pedestrians.

This stretch, also linking Teresian College Circle to Mahadevapura Road, has remained underdeveloped for years due to the legal dispute over land acquisition. Land-owners had moved the Court seeking compensation, resulting in prolonged delays and leaving the road in an unmotorable condition.

Residents had staged several protests in recent months, demanding early resolution of the compensation issue and completion of the roadwork. Following public pressure, the MCC had floated a tender worth Rs. 1.75 crore for the project.

Matter *sub judice*

At the site yesterday, the family members of the land-owners protested, stating they would not allow the work to proceed until compensation for land acquired in Survey No. 53 was paid. MCC officials clarified that the current work involved asphalting the existing road and not expansion, but the protest continued.

Officials informed the protestors that the land acquisition issue was pending before the Court and assured them that compensation would be disbursed as per the Court's directions.

Police mediation

Lashkar Police Inspector Lolakshi, who was overseeing security at the site, intervened and held talks with the protestors. She urged them to allow the work to continue, reiterating that compensation would be paid once the Court issued its order. The protestors then sought a written assurance.

MDA Commissioner K.R. Rakshith subsequently provided a written undertaking stating that compensation for 33 guntas of land in Survey No. 53 would be paid in accordance with the Court's order. Following this, the roadwork resumed.

Rs. 500 betting case: HC stays probe against Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar

Dr. Parameshwar

Bengaluru, Apr. 24 (Agencies)- In a relief, the High Court of Karnataka in an interim order stayed the investigation into the alleged Rs. 500 betting case against Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar here yesterday.

The High Court Bench of Justice Sunil Dutt Yadav said whether a case could be registered even for a casual or humorous remark. The Bench said that an explanation should have been sought from the Police before ordering an investigation. Following this, the case was adjourned for further hearing.

On Tuesday last, Bengaluru XLII Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate K.N. Shivakumar had passed an order to probe into allegations against Home Minister Dr. Parameshwar and as well as Tumakuru Deputy Commissioner Subha Kalyan. Following the Court's order Home Minister had moved the High Court.

The Bengaluru Court had ordered for the registration of a FIR against Dr. Parameshwar over an allegation that he placed a bet of Rs. 500 during a Kabaddi tournament.

The Court's order was based on a private complaint filed by one H.R. Nagabhushan, who said that even a small bet by a person holding a constitutional position would promote illegal activity.

Meanwhile, in his response, Home Minister Dr. Parameshwar has said that his remarks had been misinterpreted.

Speaking to mediapersons, he said that the statement was made casually in the context of a kabaddi game, in a light-hearted manner similar to how people speak in rural settings.

"The context in which I spoke is very important. If I had promoted betting, that would have been wrong. But I am in a responsible position; it is completely false to say that I promoted betting," he said.

400 players make a move in 3-day chess championship

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (GA&VNS)- The three-day Karnataka State Open and Girls U-13 Fide Rated Chess Championship-2026 organised by Mysore Chess Centre in association with Karnataka State Chess Association began at a private hotel in city this morning. Nearly 400 chess players from various parts of the State are taking part in the championship.

The organisers have announced a total prize money of Rs. 1 lakh for the winners in various categories which include U-7, U-9, U-11 and U-13 in Open and Girls categories. Cash prizes will also be awarded to top 15 players in U-13 Open and Girls categories. The valedictory ceremony of the tournament will be held on Apr. 26 at 6 pm.

Winners of the championship will be eligible to take part in the State-level championship for which the dates are yet to be announced.

Disha shows new *disha* for special kids

Mythri School student with Down Syndrome clears SSLC exams

S. Disha

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (VNS)- S. Disha, a 17-year-old student, with Down syndrome and 75% disability, of city's Mythri School, has cleared the recently held SSLC examination of which the results were announced yesterday.

Disha, scored 68 marks in Kannada, 44 in Mathematics, 44 in Science and 69 in Social Science. She was exempted from appearing for the other two languages examination owing to her disability.

The achievement reflects her perseverance and the consistent support of her family and teachers through an individualised learning approach. Mythri School described the result as a proud moment, noting that it reinforces the importance of inclusive education and the belief that every child can achieve with the right support.

Disha is the daughter of Shankar Nayak and Uma Bai. The milestone is a key step in promoting equal opportunities for children with special needs.

Four students from district are toppers

Manaswini *Madhuri* *Vinutha* *Lakshan*

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (BLU&DM)- With the SSLC exams results declared yesterday, Mysuru district, which has stood 20th in the ranking of districts, has earned the distinction of having four toppers, with 2 of them coming State second toppers and one each becoming third and fourth toppers.

While Government run Karnataka Public School (KPS), Yelwal student R. Madhuri and Manaswini Pradeep of Vijaya Vittala Vidyashala are second State toppers scoring 624/625 marks, D.G. Vinutha, a student of Madappa School in K.R. Nagar, has come third securing 623 marks and M.S. Lakshan of the city's Adarsha Vidyalaya has stood fourth scoring 622 marks.

Second topper Manaswini Pradeep said studying up to 5 hours each day, coupled with the guidance of her teachers and study of text books in full, helped her in scoring 624 marks. Stating that her father Pradeep Nagaraj is a software engineer, while her mother Radha is a home-maker, she said that studying the pattern of question papers of the past few years also helped her a lot.

R. Madhuri of KPS, Yelwal, said her mother is a single parent and strived hard for her education. Noting that hard work, discipline in studies, repeated review of text books and guidance of teachers helped a lot in her achievement, she said she is proud to have become the second State topper.

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TODAY'S MATCH APRIL 24

RCB Vs GT

M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru, **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCHES APRIL 25

DC Vs PBKS

Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi, **3.30 pm**

RR Vs SRH

Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur, **7.30 pm**

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

CSK 207/6 (20 Overs) BEAT **MI** 104 all out (19 Overs)

Catch the live telecast on: **Star Sports Network & JioHotstar**

4th Edition of CII Karnataka Corporate Cricket League

N. Ranga Rao and Sons emerges as winner

Team members of N. Ranga Rao and Sons posing with the winner's trophy.

Mysuru, Apr. 24 - City's N. Ranga Rao and Sons team emerged as winner in the 4th edition of CII Karnataka Corporate Cricket League – Mysuru Zonal Round, held at BEML Cricket Ground, here recently.

In the finals, N. Ranga Rao and Sons defeated Automotive Axles.

The tournament witnessed participation of more than 10 corporate teams from the region, reflecting strong industry engagement and reinforcing the importance of sportsmanship, teamwork and camaraderie among member organisations.

At the valedictory session, Nagaraja Gargeshwari, Immediate Past Chairman, CII Mysuru Zone and President and Director, Automotive Axles Ltd, honoured the winning and runner-up teams.

Speaking on the occasion, Nagaraja Gargeshwari said, "The CII Karnataka Corporate Cricket League is a commendable initiative that brings together industry members on a common platform beyond business, fostering team spirit, mutual bonding and a culture of healthy competition. It is encouraging to witness such enthusiastic participation from companies in Mysuru."

The event served as an engaging platform for corporates to strengthen relationships, promote employee engagement, and celebrate the spirit of unity through sport.

Ch'nagar team: State-level Kho Kho champ

Chamarajanagar women's kho kho team,which won the State-level Women's Kho Kho Championship, seen with the trophy and medals. Chamarajanagar players Preethi and Nadiya were declared best defender and best all-rounder respectively while Bhavani of Bengaluru emerged as best attacker of the championship.

Mysuru West Sub-Registrar suspended after inquiry

(Continued from page 1)

Former MLC's land row

The issue dates back to December 2025, when former BJP MLC Siddaraju rushed to the Mysuru West Sub-Registrar's office, alleging that his residential sites were being illegally registered in others' names.

The sites form part of Chamundi Sooru Nagar, a private layout developed by Siddaraju at Kergalli.

Siddaraju accused Srikanth and staff of tampering with documents related to 24 sites and preparing registrations in the names of outsiders. It was alleged that documents were uploaded to secure registration slots without the knowledge of Siddaraju, the rightful owner. A case was registered at Vijayanagar Police Station and Siddaraju also wrote to the State Government seeking strict action.

Departmental probe findings

During the inquiry, officials from the District Registrar's Office found that while uploading documents, the option "Article: Sale" was selected, but under "Sub-Article," entries were made to reflect Civil Court judgments or final orders.

The probe revealed that this provision was misused to register 24 site documents without drawing data from the e-Swathu software system.

Government circulars mandate that property transfers must be supported by certified records, including a valid khata, tax receipts, and Forms 1 and 12 issued by the Gram Panchayat.

To enforce this, the Kaveri software has been integrated with the e-Swathu database for Gram Panchayat properties, making it mandatory to retrieve ownership details from the system before registration.

Procedure bypassed

However, based on investigation reports and registration records, the inquiry confirmed that Srikanth bypassed the system and registered documents without verifying ownership details through e-Swathu.

The Kaveri software includes a provision under 'Sub-Article: Decree/Order' to enable registration of sale deeds executed by Courts or Court-appointed commissioners. Selecting this option allows modification of ownership details.

For standard property transactions, however, the correct procedure requires selecting 'Article: Sale' and 'Sub-Article: Sale/Transfer of Immovable Property' (covering sites, buildings or apartments) and retrieving ownership data from the designated portal.

Illegal registrations

In this case, the prescribed process was bypassed. Instead of selecting the appropriate sub-article for sale deeds, the Court order sub-article was used and documents were submitted through the Sub-Registrar's login without pulling data from the relevant portals.

Officials emphasised that Sub-Registrars are duty-bound to verify whether a document is a genuine sale deed or a Court order/ Court commissioner's deed and to ensure compliance with Government circulars by cross-checking ownership details through mandated software systems.

If ownership details are unavailable, documents must be returned to the citizen's login.

However, in this case, 24 site documents were registered illegally without accessing the e-Swathu portal and without obtaining Form 9 and 11A/11B from the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) khata records. The inquiry report concluded that Srikanth violated Government circulars (Nos. 3 and 4) and departmental directives, misusing the 'Court Decree/Order' sub-article to carry out the registrations.

The issue has drawn sharp reactions, with real estate observers and political leaders terming it one of Mysuru's biggest scandals since the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) 50:50 site allotment controversy.

Former MLC Siddaraju, BJP district spokesperson Mohan, and K. Vasanth Kumar flagged the issue with the department in detail. Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa also petitioned Revenue Minister Krishna Byregowda, seeking strict measures to curb corruption in the department.

Premature infant dies at Cheluvamba Hospital

Parents allege ant colony attack, hospital denies; post-mortem report awaited

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (MTY&DM)- A premature infant admitted to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Cheluvamba Hospital has died, with the parents alleging that the baby was attacked by a colony of ants and accusing hospital staff of gross negligence. A complaint has been lodged at Devaraja Police Station.

Neela, a resident of Kuvempunagar, who is the baby's mother, filed the complaint. She was admitted to Cheluvamba Hospital on Apr. 15, where she delivered a premature male child. The newborn was shifted to the NICU for specialised care, and the mother was allowed to see the baby once a day.

According to the parents, doctors informed them yesterday morning that the baby had died, leaving the family shocked.

Alleging negligence, the parents and relatives confronted hospital staff and staged a protest in front of the hospital. Neela later approached the Police, seeking action against the doctors and staff.

Speaking to reporters, Neela claimed that the baby was stable until Wednesday. "Our child died due to an attack by ants. This points to serious negligence. We were not given proper updates during the nine days of treatment," she said.

She further alleged that despite informing the staff about ants on the baby's face, the response was indifferent. "We were told that ants were attracted to the glucose being administered. Doctors also said they could not focus on one baby alone, as there were many in the NICU. Our baby was fine until Wednesday and died the next day, which raises suspicion," she said, urging the Police to conduct a fair probe.

Meanwhile, the Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) administration denied the allegations. The Dean and Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayani, said the baby was born premature and was under critical care, and asserted that there was no negligence on the part of doctors, nurses or staff.

She added that a post-mortem examination is being conducted and the exact cause of death will be known after the report.

Cheluvamba Hospital Incharge Medical Superintendent Dr. Lakshmikanth also dismissed the claim that the baby died due to ant bites. He said the infant had bandages as part of treatment, which could cause temporary inflammation.

"The inflammation seen is not due to ant bites. The exact cause of death will be clear after the post-mortem. If the report indicates otherwise, action will be taken against those found responsible," he said.

ADC directs officials to clear lake encroachments

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (MK&DM)- Additional DC Dr. P. Shivaraju has directed officials to carry out a survey of all lakes and other water bodies in the district and to take measures for clearing of encroachments along lake banks, within a week.

Presiding over a meeting of District Level Lake Conservation Committee at the ZP Hall here on Thursday, Dr. Shivaraju stressed on the need for clearing lake encroachments. Directing the officials to carry out a survey in this regard, he said, "The Tahsildars are asked to ensure clearance of all lake encroachments in the district in a week and the Survey department staff should digitalise all records after carrying out survey."

Directing the Pollution Control Board staff to visit lakes and other water bodies for carrying out a check to find out water purity levels, he emphasised the importance of maintaining cleanliness and hygiene on the banks of lakes.

Also the officials must take immediate steps for preventing any flow of effluents or polluted water from Industries and factories to water bodies.

Tahsildars, environment department officials, Water resources and staff of other concerned departments took part.

Cyber Crime: Woman loses Rs. 21.50 lakh

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (GA&KS)- A 52-year-old woman, who had invested Rs. 21.50 lakh after believing an advertisement on Facebook has lost the money. The victim has been identified as Malathi (name changed), a resident of Gangothri Layout in city.

On Mar. 13, when Malathi was going through her social media pages, she noticed an online investment advertisement and got her name registered.

Later, she received a call from one Raghunandan Rao, who informed her about Social Venture Capitalist Company and told her to transfer Rs. 17,144 to an UPI ID. After Malathi transferred the money, Raghunandan sent a website link and made her to open a trading account.

Malathi then received a call from one Ashwin Kumar, who identified himself as the Advisor of the company and told her to invest money in gold, silver, various currencies and crude oil in international market.

Ashwin then got Malathi to transfer a total of Rs. 21.50 lakh which she did between Mar. 20 and Apr. 15. When Ashwin told her to pay 15 percent tax to withdraw the profit, Malathi realised that she had been cheated and lodged a complaint at city's CEN Police Station.

I.N.D.I Alliance sinned by opposing Women's Bill: Union Minister

Union Minister of State for Railways V. Somanna addressing media persons at City BJP Office yesterday as MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former MLC and actor Tara Anuradha, State BJP Women's Morcha President Manjula and others look on.

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (MK&BS)- Union Minister of State for Railways V. Somanna has called the move of the Opposition parties to oppose the Women's Reservation Bill tabled in the Parliament recently, as a 'sinful act.'

Addressing media persons at City BJP Office in Chamarajapuram here yesterday, Somanna called out Congress, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and other parties of I.N.D.I Alliance, for committing the sin, by showing their resentment against Women's Reservation Bill.

Women's Reservation should have been a reality 50 years back, but unfortunately it remained on papers till date. To see to it that women should remain in the backseat, the rival parties voted against the Bill. Now, the BJP is involved in telling the people how the opposition parties led by Congress wanted to implement reservation on the basis of religion.

"Everyone has understood the drama being played out by opposition parties, who under the pretext of crying injustice to Southern States, thwarted the Delimitation Bill and prevented Women's Reservation Bill from sailing through the Lok Sabha. DMK has showed its true colours," said Somanna.

Denying that the delimitation of Lok Sabha Constituencies would deal a blow to South Indian States, Somanna said, "Women's reservation was vital to realise the concept of Viksit Bharat. Had it become a reality, the number of women representatives in the Lok Sabha would have gone up. With their ever-opposing attitude, Congress and its alliance parties have snatched the opportunity of women, hitting the last nail on their own coffin. People will teach a befitting lesson to opposition parties in the coming days."

He (Somanna) cited the examples of epics like Mahabharata and Ramayana where Kauravas and demon king Ravan, respectively had to meet their end, for targeting a woman. Recently, the terrorists who wiped the *sindoor* of women tourists by killing their spouse in Pahalgam attack in Kashmir, met the similar fate, he added.

BJP State Women's Morcha President Manjula said, State-level protests have been planned against the rival parties for opposing Women's Reservation Bill. A padayatra has been organised on Apr. 27, while a similar protest has been organised at Hubballi on Apr. 30.

MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former MLC and actor Tara Anuradha and others were present.

'Siddaramaiah is a power-monger'

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is no more a person who vouched on his ideology earlier, but is a power-monger, decried Union Minister of State for Railways V. Somanna.

Recalling his earlier association with Siddaramaiah in Janata Parivar, Somanna said, 'I know him from close quarters. If he really had any concerns for Women's Reservation, he would have advised his leaders.'

He also demanded AICC President M. Mallikarjun Kharge to tender his apology for speaking low of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

State calls for feedback on new alcohol tax model

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (BCT)- Karnataka Government's Resource Mobilisation Committee (RMC), constituted to review State's excise taxation framework on alcohol, has submitted its report, proposing a shift to a public health-oriented model with taxes linked to alcohol content.

The report states that Karnataka's current excise framework taxes alcohol based on price and product category rather than on alcohol content. About 11 percent of the State's population consumes alcohol, below the national average.

It presents a comprehensive assessment of existing system and outlines phased implementation along with technology-driven regulatory measures.

The Committee underscored the need for excise tax reform from volume or brand-based to alcohol content in beverages and said, "Excise taxation is the most effective policy instrument available to Karnataka for reducing alcohol-related harm."

"The tax must be based on alcohol content, not on price, brand or product category. A person's liver, brain and reflexes respond to the quantity of alcohol consumed, not to the price paid for it," the report said.

Inviting wider public consultation, Finance Department has placed the report in public domain on its official website. Industry stakeholders, public health experts, academic institutions, NGOs and citizens have been invited to review the document and submit feedback. Suggestions can be sent to *https://finance.karnataka.gov.in/ or spobud-fd@karnataka.gov.in* by 5.30 pm on May 22.

Amended Karnataka Land Revenue Act 1964

Revenue Directorate notifies auto conversion of lands if DC's fail to act

Mysuru, Apr. 24 (SPN&BS)- Commissioner of Revenue Directorate C.N. Meena Nagaraj has notified the amendments made to Karnataka Land Revenue Act 1964, which is aimed at simplifying the process related to conversion of lands from agriculture to non-agricultural purposes.

Under Rules 106C, 106D, 106E and 106F of Karnataka Land Revenue Act 1964, effective from Dec. 23, 2025, if the Deputy Commissioner (DC) fails to decide on affidavit based applications for land conversion within 30 working days of submitting the same, auto conversion of lands will be applicable and will be transferred to applicants login for paying stipulated fee. Following payment of the fee, the land conversion order will be automatically created by the software.

Accordingly, Tahsildars, Forest Department and other departments shall have a 15-day time to give their opinion. Likewise, case worker at DC Office will be having a five-day time so also the Additional DC and DC to decide on such applications.

Kharge... Say Sorry to PM Modi

City BJP Yuva Morcha workers staging a protest against AICC President M. Mallikarjun Kharge at Gandhi Square here this morning, demanding the latter to tender apology, for speaking low of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during the campaign for recently concluded Assembly elections at Chennai in Tamil Nadu. KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa, City BJP Yuva Morcha President Rakesh Gowda, KR Constituency BJP Yuva Morcha President K.M. Nishanth, party leaders H.G. Giridhar, Gopal Rao, Jogi Manju, Rakesh Bhat, Pradeep Kumar, Lohit, Vaneesh, Madhu, M.N. Dhanush, Chetan, Ravi, Chandan, Umesh, Puneeth, Sagar and others took part in the protest.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Fortitude

Pronunciation: FOR-tuh-tood (noun).
Meaning: Fortitude is a formal word that refers to the strength of mind that enables someone to encounter danger or to bear pain or adversity with courage. Less formal words with similar meanings include grit, fibre and pluck.
Origin: Fortitude comes from the Latin word fortis, meaning "strong," and in English it has always been used primarily to describe strength of mind. For a time, the word was also used to mean "physical strength"; William Shakespeare used it that way in Henry VI, Part 1: "Coward of France! How much he wrongs his fame / Despairing of his own arm's fortitude." But despite use by the famous bard, that meaning languished and is now considered obsolete. Even familiar phrase "intestinal fortitude" is just a humorous way to refer to someone's courage or mental stamina, not the literal strength of their digestive system. (If you're looking to describe a mighty gastrointestinal tract, we might suggest "iron stomach.").
Example: "Managing is never a one-size-fits-all process. Personality, fortitude, and experience all matter, as does context." — Gary Deer, The Daily Gazette (Xenia, Ohio), 28 Mar. 2026

THE ODD WORD

Fane
Temple.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Blue Blood

Meaning: The phrase 'Blue blood' originates from an old sentiment that aristocratic blood was blue. Normally used to describe royal family members.
Origin: This phrase probably comes from the fact that at the time, in England, it was not posh to have a sun tan, since manual workers were always tanned from being outdoors all day, so those who stayed indoors had to be wealthy!
Example: "I often remind my husband that I have blue blood flowing through my veins."

QUOTE BOX

If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded. **—Maya Angelou**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

FACE

Answer: Red in the face.

SUDOKU

	3				2	8		
		9		6	8			5
		4		7				
	1	5						3
9								4
4						1	9	
				2		4		
1			7	8		9		
		7	4				6	

Answer to previous puzzle

8	5	6	4	1	7	3	2	9
4	1	9	5	3	2	8	7	6
7	2	3	6	8	9	1	5	4
1	7	4	9	5	6	2	8	3
6	8	2	7	4	3	9	1	5
3	9	5	8	2	1	6	4	7
9	6	8	2	7	5	4	3	1
5	4	1	3	6	8	7	9	2
2	3	7	1	9	4	5	6	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

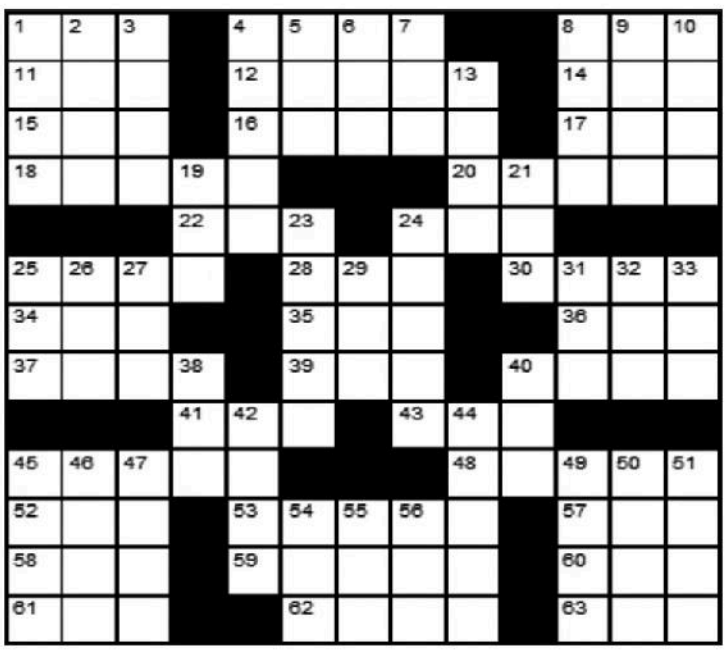
1 American Helicopter Society
4 Ex-Kiwi captain John ___
8 Pledge
11 A unit of luminous intensity equal to one candela per square meter
12 Owing money? (2,3)
14 Ind. Med. Assoc.
15 Alien vehicle
16 Sheriff's men
17 Give help or assistance
18 Indian rice dish
20 Mediterranean Isle
22 Navigational system in short
24 A metal
25 Valley in rather archaic usage?
28 For what reason?
30 Gaming cubes
34 Before
35 The organ of hearing
36 Otto ___ Bismarck
37 Christmas, in short (1-3)
39 Reverential fear
40 An Indian peasant during the British rule
41 2024 IPL champions
43 Wily and cunning
45 LPs
48 Metrical feet
52 Self-esteem
53 Sour - "brace" anagram?
57 Tennis star Henman
58 ____ about : investigate or inquire about?
59 Full of information
60 Natl Def Acad.
61 Text to speech, acronym
62 Coarse stiff hair
63 Moon landing vehicle

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

V	I	N	E	■	P	E	A	■	S	E	R	A
A	I	A	A	■	A	N	D	■	C	R	E	W
T	I	N	S	M	I	T	H	■	R	E	A	L
■	■	■	E	A	R	■	E	Q	U	I	P	S
F	A	U	L	T	■	G	R	U	B	■	■	■
A	L	P	S	■	T	R	E	A	S	U	R	E
D	O	T	■	I	R	O	N	Y	■	R	U	N
S	T	O	O	D	O	U	T	■	E	D	G	Y
■	■	■	G	L	U	T	■	S	O	U	S	A
H	U	B	R	I	S	■	C	O	N	■	■	■
E	P	E	E	■	E	A	R	L	I	E	S	T
R	I	A	S	■	R	N	A	■	A	M	E	S
A	N	T	S	■	S	U	M	■	N	I	C	E

DOWN

1 Bhajan maestro __ Jalota
2 Stereo (2-2)
3 Short Take-Off and Landing
4 Tear into pieces (3,2)
5 Rock musician Brian
6 Inland Rec. Serv.
7 Desmond's pet name?
8 Small medicine bottle
9 Skip or overlook
10 Batata ___ : popular snack for people from Mumbai?
13 A word meaning 'half'
19 Grow old or mature
21 Common connector
23 Use bad language
24 Air tubes for wheels
25 Bother
26 Acquire weaponry
27 Another word for 'meadow'
29 Hum and ____ : hesitate?
31 Climbing vine
32 Dove sound
33 Tolkien's tree like creature
38 Firmament
40 Norwegian rug
42 Third "K" in the notorious group "K.K.K."?
44 Tripoli is its capital
45 Underwear top
46 _ __ it : I follow this ? (1,3)
47 Negative votes
49 Tel ser. provider in New Delhi and Mumbai
50 ___ one's time : await best opportunity?
51 Mosque leader
54 Christian Evidence Soc.
55 A female sheep
56 Alphabet trio



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

QAS QO KIS ODGZK WSZZQAZ L JGSZDFSAK ILZ KQ

WSLGA DZ KILK STSGX UQGF IS ZLXZ USDEIZ L KQA.

TODAY'S CLUE: I EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: You can't win all the time. There are guys out there who are better than you.

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  Kotigobba (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** **Ph: 2443568**
  Kotigobba (K) - 3 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** **Ph: 2420885**
  Maanikya (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** **Ph: 2521923**
  Pallichattambi (K) - 2 Shows *Pallichattambi (Ta)* - 2 Shows
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- **Prabha Theatre** **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Puneeth Nivasa (K) - 4 Showss
- **Rajkamal Theatre** **Ph: 2423554**
  Love Insurance Kompany (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Dacoit (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	(S-1)	10.35 am, 7.40 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	(S-1)	1.20 pm
	(S-2)	7.00 pm
Elra Kaaleliyatte Kaala (K)	(S-1)	4.50 pm
Vaazha II: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	(S-1)	10.30 pm
Achappa's Album (Ma)	(S-2)	11.35 am
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	(S-2)	2.15 pm
Madhuvidhu (Ma)	(S-2)	10.25 pm
Ginny Wedss Sunny 2 (H)	(S-3)	10.20 am, 7.25 pm
Amarkkalam (Ta)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Sankeerthana (K)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Vaazha2- Biopic of a Billion Bro (Te)	(S-3)	10.15 pm
Michael (E)	(S-4)	10.35 am, 4.15 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.55 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	(S-4)	1.20 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Amarkkalam (Ta)	:	1.00 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	1.15 pm, 7.45 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	9.15 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	1.25 pm, 6.35 pm
Maayan (Ta)	:	1.30 pm, 4.00 pm
Calendar (H)	:	6.25 pm
Elra Kaaleliyatte Kaala (K)	:	6.40 pm
Bharathanatyam 2 Mohiniyattam (Ma)	:	9.15 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10.15 am, 2.05 pm
Michael (E)	:	10.30 am, 1.25 pm, 4.20 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.10 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	10.40 am, 12.15 pm, 3.40 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	10.55 am, 4.55 pm, 10.00 pm
Project Hail Mary (E)	:	12.05 pm, 4.05 pm, 6.35 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	1.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Madhuvidhu (Ma)	:	3.20 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	3.30 pm, 9.50 pm
Dacoit (Te)	:	6.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Bharathanatyam 2 Mohiniyattam (Ma)	:	7.20 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	10.00 am, 2.20 pm, 5.40 pm, 10.15 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	10.45 am, 2.10 pm, 5.35 pm, 9.00 pm, 10.00 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	11.30 am, 4.00 pm, 6.55 pm
Elra Kaaleliyatte Kaala (K)	:	1.15 pm
Darling (Te)	:	2.35 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	7.00 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	9.45 pm

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 24)

- **Sri Renukadevi Karaga Devasthanada Trust, Ittigegud:** Sri Chamundeshwari and Sri Mariyamma's 102nd Annual Mysuru Karaga Mahotsava, various rituals, Temple premises, **7 am onwards.**
- **Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra:** 8th anniversary of Uttaradi Mutt branch, Pandit Baadarayanacharya delivers discourse (Gayatri Chintana), Kendra premises, Srirampura, **4 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Bhramara Trust of Y.T. and Madhuri Thathachari, Mysuru:** Presentation of Bhramara's Prestigious Award for Research Helping Humanity to Prof. K. Kemparaju, Senior Professor, Department of Studies in Biochemistry, University of Mysore and Prof. Kesturu S. Girish, Professor, Department of Studies in Biochemistry, Tumkur University, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, MP, presides, Padma Shri Prof. K. Vijayraghavan, former Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, chief guest, Prof. P.N. Rangarajan, ASTRA Professor and J.C. Bose National Fellow, Department of Biochemistry, Indian Institute of Science, guest of honour, Sri Rajendra Auditorium, JSS College of Pharmacy, Sri Shivarathreeswaranagar, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Seva Samithi Charitable Trust:** 35th Brahmothsava, Vishnu Sahasranama Homa and Chandramandalothsava, Sri Krishna Temple premises, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm:**
- **JSS Law College and Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai:** 23rd Surana & Surana and JSS Law College Corporate Law Moot Court competition 2025-26, Justice S.G. Pandit, Judge, High Court of Karnataka, inaugurates, Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha presides, Prof. K.S. Suresh, Chief Executive, Preetam Surana, Partner-Dispute Resolution and Head-Academic Initiatives, Surana & Surana International Attorneys, Chennai and Dr. N. Vani Shree, Principal, will be present, JSS Law College Silver Jubilee Hall, Kuvempunagar, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 25)

- **Sri Renukadevi Karaga Devasthanada Trust, Ittigegud:** Sri Chamundeshwari and Sri Mariyamma's 102nd Annual Mysuru Karaga Mahotsava, various rituals, Temple premises, **7 am onwards.**
- **Vivekananda Institute of Indian Studies (VIIS):** Experiential Creative Writing and Storytelling Workshop, V-LEAD, Hebbal, **9.30 am to 4 pm.**
- **Karnataka State Political Science Teachers Association:** 21st Conference and Silver Jubilee celebrations, a special session with politicians, under chairmanship of Prof. H.M. Rajashekar. MLA G.T. Devegowda will speak on 'Electoral Politics'; MLA S. Suresh Kumar on 'House Sessions'; MLA A.R. Krishnamurthy on 'Politics in Reserved Constituencies' and Vice-Chairperson of Karnataka State Guarantee Implementation Authority Dr. Pushpa Amarnath on 'Women's Politics,' KSOU's Cauvery auditorium, Mukthagangothri, **10 am to 12 noon.**
- **Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra:** 8th anniversary of Uttaradi Mutt branch, Pandit Baadarayanacharya delivers discourse (Gayatri Chintana), Kendra premises, Srirampura, **4 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Story-telling by M. Shashidhar Dongre, Engineer, L&T Technology Services, Mysuru, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, from **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **University of Mysore and Gautama Vidyarthi Nilaya:** Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 135th birth anniversary celebrations and anniversary of Gautama Vidyarthi Nilaya, G. Purushotham, Inspector, Saraswathipuram Police Station inaugurates, Prof. V. Shanmugham, Principal, Maharaja's College, Mysuru, chief guest, Prof. C. Gurusiddaiah, Director, Student Welfare Directorate, Manasagangothri, will be present, Dr. S.N Sushma, Assistant Director, Directorate of Student Welfare, presides, Gautama Vidyarthi Nilaya premises, Manasagangothri campus, **5 pm.**
- **The Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysore Local Centre and tAct, Indian Academy of Sciences, Bengaluru and Jiv, Mysuru:** World Earth Day, technical talk on 'Ecologically Sensitive Regions in Western Ghats: Conservation for Intergenerational,' Dr. T.V. Ramachandra, Co-ordinator of Energy and Wetlands Research Group, Centre for Ecological Sciences at Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru, guest speaker; Er. H.S. Suresh Babu, Chairman of The Institution of Engineers, Mysore Local Centre, presides; Er. S. Shivaprasad, Programme Convenor and Er. M.K. Nanjaiah, Hon. Secretary, will be present, IEI's S.P. Bhat Hall, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Seva Samithi Charitable Trust:** 35th Brahmothsava, Chatusthanarchanapurvaka Nitya Homa, Maha Sudarshana Homa, Poornahuti and Garudotsava **9 am**; Rukmini Kalyanotsava and Laja Homa, Sri Krishna Temple premises, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru**: Swami Ishtanathanandaji will talk on 'Kaivalyopanishad' in English, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **University Evening College (University of Mysore) and Extracurricular Activities Committee 2025-26:** Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 135th birth anniversary celebrations and college anniversary — valedictory of Cultural, Sports and NSS activities, M.K. Savitha, Registrar, UoM, will inaugurates, Malkundi Mahadevaswamy, Poet, chief guest, Prof. K. Thimmaiah, College Principal, presides, New Building, University Evening College, **6 pm.**
- **Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Party,' written by Mahesh Elkunchwar, translated by Prasad Kundur, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	9.55 am, 5.55 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	1.30 pm, 5.25 pm, 9.30 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	10.05 am, 11.10 am, 12.55 pm, 2.30 pm, 6.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	10.10 am, 2.35 pm, 7.30 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	4.20 pm, 10.00 pm
Darling (Te)	:	10.20 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	10.05 am, 3.45 pm, 6.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Ma)	:	10.30 am, 7.10 pm
Vaazha 2: Biopic of a Billion Bros (Te)	:	10.20 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (H)	:	11.15 am, 1.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	11.15 am, 4.40 pm
Ludo (K)	:	1.50 pm
Achappa's Album (Ma)	:	2.05 pm
Elra Kaaleliyatte Kaala (K)	:	4.35 pm
Lee Cronin's The Mummy (E)	:	7.20 pm
Madhuvidhu (Ma)	:	7.30 pm
Bharathanatyam 2 Mohiniyattam (Ma)	:	10.10 pm

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